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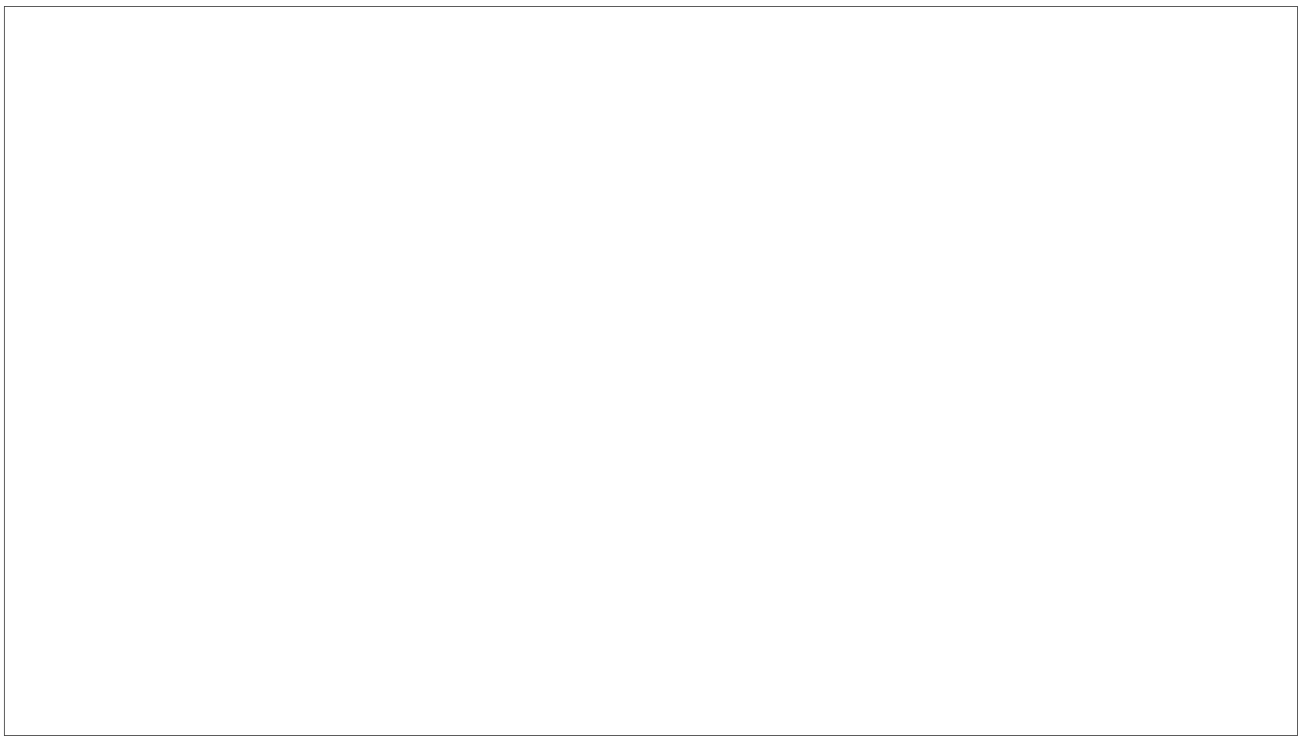
1. In response to my call to Sen. Stennis' (D., Miss.) office regarding the possibility of the Senator coming to CIA to discuss his recent trip abroad, Mr. Fontaine, his Administrative Assistant, called me to state that the Senator was returning to Mississippi this week, that he had already lost a day in Washington in the confusion over the Defense Department aircraft to return him from Europe, and that therefore he would not be able to see us at the present time. However, the Senator wished to state that he greatly appreciated the very fine briefings he had received abroad and that he felt that an excellent job was being done by our people.



3. Mr. Kirkpatrick and I met with Gen. Verne Mudge, of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, for a short briefing session prior to the General's departure with Sen. Byrd on an inspection trip of Western Europe.

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4. Col. White held a meeting with Mr. Garrison, Col. Grogan and myself to discuss the public relations aspects of the selection of a site for the new CIA building. A preliminary draft of the report of Clarke& Rapuano, consultant engineers, has been received, containing their firm recommendation of the Langley site. This will be presented to the National Capital Planning Commission at its meeting on 4 November. It was the concensus of Col. White's meeting that Senators Beall and Butler of Maryland should be advised prior to our submitting the report to NCPC that the Agency would not move to Maryland, and that Senators Byrd and Robertson should be advised that we plan to move to Virginia. It was felt that in view of their support each of the four Senators should receive a personal telephone call from the DCI which could, if necessary, be followed by a personal visit from the DD/S. It was also agreed that the DD/S should notify Congressmen Broyhill and Lankford immediately prior to the NCPC meeting of our choice so that they would not hear about it from the newspapers. As it is planned to send the Clarke & Rapuano report and the DCI's letter to NCPC on about 1 or 2 November, the timing of the DCI's call should be handled accordingly.

5. Mr. Belen, Chief Counsel of the House Committee on Post Office & Civil Service, called to advise me that the Davis Subcommittee on Manpower Utilization and Personnel Management planned to hold its open hearings commencing on 2 November. It is not contemplated that CIA will be called to testify. However, Mr. Belen stated that at the conclusion of the hearings he and members of his staff would like to discuss our personnel and manpower problems with us to acquaint us with the Subcommittee's thinking on the matter and to determine whether we would be able to make any personnel reductions. The purpose of this call was to alert us of the possibility of such a meeting approximately 3 weeks hence and that such a meeting would enable the staff to complete its roundup of the various agencies of the Government. Mr. Belen is well aware that we have special problems and therefore wishes to handle the matter on a special basis in order to preserve our security and to avoid a committee hearing. (cc - Col. White)

Mr. Belen suggested that it might be helpful to us if we audited some of the hearings to get their drift.

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